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## Foreign Patent Documents

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- 2. Japanese Publication No. JP 10-290548, to Minebea Co. Ltd.., published 27 October 1998 (English Abstract enclosed).
- 3. Japanese Utility Model Publication No. JP H04-134163, to Matsushita Electric Industry Co. Ltd., published 14 December 1992 (English Abstract Enclosed).

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